

Title: **Method to reduce false positive outcomes in prion tests.**

Abstract

5 This invention relates to the field of prion diseases. A method is provided to
reduce false positive outcomes in a test by monitoring the activity of a
proteolytic enzyme in a test sample comprising providing the test sample with
a substrate and contacting the enzyme with said substrate to allow conversion
of the substrate by the enzyme into a detectable product and detecting said
10 product. Use of a method according to the invention can improve the reliability
of prion tests.